

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A hinge device comprising a first hinge member $[(2)]$ which is provided at one and the other end part thereof with mutually opposing first and second support arm parts $(2b, 2e)$, a second hinge member $[(3)]$ provided with a connecting cylindrical part $[(3a)]$ which is disposed between said first and second support arm parts $(2b, 2e)$ in such a manner as to be turnable about a rotation axis $[(L)]$, and a damper unit $(16, 17)$ including a stator $(16a, 17a)$, a rotor $(16b, 17b)$ one end part of which is turnably received in said stator $(16a, 17a)$ and the other end part of which is projected from said stator $(16a, 17a)$ and a damper mechanism disposed between said stator $(16a, 17a)$ and one end part of said rotor $(16b, 17b)$, high-speed turn at least in one direction between said first hinge member $[(2)]$ and said second hinge member $[(3)]$ being prevented by said damper unit $(16, 17)$,

wherein a support through-hole $[(2e)]$ passing on said rotation axis $[(L)]$ is formed in said first support arm part $[(2b)]$, a support hole $[(2e')]$ is formed in an opposing surface with respect to said first support arm part $[(2b)]$ of said second support arm part $[(2c)]$ with an axis thereof aligned with that of said support through-hole $[(2e)]$, a front end part of a hinge pin $[(9)]$ inserted in said support through-hole $[(2e)]$ through an outer opening part thereof and passing through said connecting cylindrical part $[(3a)]$ is fitted to said support hole $[(2e')]$, a rear end part of said hinge pin $[(9)]$ is fitted to said support through-hole $[(2e)]$, said hinge pin $[(9)]$ is fitted to opposite end parts of said connecting cylindrical part $[(3a)]$, thereby turnably connecting said first and second support arm parts $[(2b, 2c)]$ with said connecting cylindrical part $[(3a)]$ through said hinge pin $[(9)]$, at least one of said stator $(16a, 17a)$ and the other end part of said rotor $(16b, 17b)$ of said damper unit $(16, 17)$ is non-turnably received in a receiving hole $[(9c)]$ formed in at least one of a front end face and a rear end face of said hinge pin $[(9)]$, the other of said stator $(16a, 17a)$ and the other end part of said rotor $(16b, 17b)$ is non-turnably received in one of said support through-hole $[(2e)]$ and said support hole $[(2e')]$ to which one end part

of said hinge pin $[(9)]$, where said receiving hole $[(9c)]$ is formed therein, is fitted, and a coiled spring $[(18)]$ for turn biasing said connecting cylindrical part $[(3a)]$ with respect to one of said first support arm part $[(2b)]$ and said second support arm part $[(2c)]$ is disposed between an inner peripheral surface of said connecting cylindrical part $[(3a)]$ and an outer peripheral surface of said hinge pin $[(9)]$.

2. (Currently Amended) A hinge device according to claim 1, wherein said stator ~~(16a, 17a)~~ is non-turnably received in said receiving hole $[(9c)]$ and the other end part of said rotor ~~(16b, 17b)~~ is non-turnably received in one of said support through-hole $[(2e)]$ and said support hole $[(2e')]$ to which one end part of said hinge pin $[(9)]$, where said receiving hole $[(9c)]$ is formed, is fitted.
3. (Currently Amended) A hinge device according to claim 2, wherein said receiving hole $[(9c)]$ is formed in a rear end face of said hinge pin $[(9)]$, a connecting plate $[(4)]$ is detachably fixed to the inside of said support through-hole $[(2e)]$, the other end part of said rotor ~~(16b, 17b)~~ is non-turnably fitted to an engagement hole $[(4a)]$ formed in said connecting plate $[(4)]$, thereby the other end part of said rotor ~~(16b, 17b)~~ is non-turnably received in said support through-hole $[(2e)]$.
4. (Currently Amended) A hinge device according to claim 1, wherein said receiving hole $[(9c)]$ is formed in each of opposite end faces of said hinge pin $[(9)]$, said stator ~~(16a, 17a)~~ of said damper unit ~~(16, 17)~~ is non-turnably received in each of said receiving holes $[(9c)]$, and the other end parts of said rotors ~~(16b, 17b)~~ of said damper units ~~(16, 17)~~ are non-turnably received in said support through-hole $[(2e)]$ and said support hole $[(2e')]$, respectively.
5. (Currently Amended) A hinge device according to claim 4, wherein said support hole $[(2e')]$ is formed as a through-hole, said connecting plates $[(4)]$ are detachably fixed to the insides of said support through-hole $[(2e)]$ and said support hole $[(2e')]$, and the other end parts of said rotors ~~(16b, 17b)~~ are non-turnably fitted to engagement holes $[(4a)]$ formed in said respective connecting plates $[(4)]$, thereby the other end parts of said

respective rotors (~~16b, 17b~~) are non-turnably received in said support through-hole $[(2e)]$ and said support hole $[(2e')]$, respectively.

6. (Currently Amended) A hinge device according to claim 5, wherein said receiving hole $[(9c)]$ is formed as a through-hole, an intermediate member $[(14)]$ is non-turnably disposed at a central part of said receiving hole $[(9c)]$, said stators (~~16a, 17a~~) are received in opposite end parts of said receiving hole $[(9c)]$, respectively, and said stators (~~16a, 17a~~) are non-turnably connected to said intermediate member $[(14)]$.